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RE: Winston Taylor D2014-015

Date of this notice: March 27, 2014

Enclosed is a copy of the Board's decision and order in the above-referenced case.

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Panel Members:
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Falls Church, Virginia 20530

File: D2014-015

Date:

MAR 27 2014

In re: WINSTON TAYLOR, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Diane H. Kier

Associate Legal Advisor

The respondent will be disbarred from practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS").

On January 2, 2014, the respondent was disbarred from the practice of law in the Virgin Islands, by the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. Consequently, on February 7, 2014, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. The DHS then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

Therefore, on March 11, 2014, we suspended the respondent from practicing before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding.

The respondent was required to file a timely answer to the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Discipline but has failed to do so. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013). The respondent's failure to file a response within the time period prescribed in the Notice constitutes an admission of the allegations therein, and the respondent is now precluded from requesting a hearing on the matter. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013).

The Notice proposes that the respondent be disbarred from practicing before the Board and the Immigration Courts. Because the respondent has failed to file an answer, the regulations direct the Board to adopt the proposed sanction contained in the Notice, unless there are considerations that compel us to digress from that proposal. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105 (2013).

The proposed sanction is appropriate, in light of the fact that the respondent was disbarred from the practice of law in the Virgin Islands, by the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands. As the respondent is currently under our March 11, 2014, order of suspension, we will deem the respondent's disbarment to have commenced on that date.

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ORDER: The Board hereby disbars the respondent from practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is instructed to maintain compliance with the directives set forth in our prior order. The respondent is also instructed to notify the Board of any further disciplinary action against him.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent may petition this Board for reinstatement to practice before the Board, Immigration Courts, and DHS under 8 C.F.R.§ 1003.107 (2013).

FURTHER ORDER: As the Board earlier imposed an immediate suspension order in this case, today's order of the Board becomes effective immediately. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.105(d)(2)(2013).

FOR THE BOARD